

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 9.308 Ha. Of forest land in Compartment No.77 of Emboy RF, Kurnool Division / District for renewal of mining lease for extraction of iron ore and red oxide, in favour of M/s Ramakrishna Minerals, Veldurthy - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 80

Dated:29 -09-2014.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, AP, Lr Rc. No.47630/2004/F2, Dt.9-8-2007.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.6261/For.I (1)/2007, Dated:14-2-2008.
3. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.No.4-APC469/2008-BAN/3897, Dt:5-3-2009.
4. State Govt. Lr.No.6261/For.I (1)/2007, Dated: 21-7-2011.
5. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.No.4-APC469/2008-BAN/9781, Dt:7-9-2011.
6. State Govt. Lr.No.6261/For.I (1)/2007, Dated: 1-5-2013.
7. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.No.4-APC469/2008-BAN/4470, Dt:25-11-2013.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 9.308 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.77 of Emboy RF Kurnool Division / District for renewal of mining lease for extraction of iron ore and red oxide, in favour of Smt. T.Subbamma, M/s Sri Ramakrishna Minerals, Veldurthy, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, for a period of 10 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval.

5. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5th read above, have requested the State Government to intimate the name of the lessee to whom Stage-II approval can be granted and the legal opinion in the matter may be taken and accordingly the proposal may be submitted with necessary certificates, since Smt. Subbamma the original lessee expired on 22-5-2010.

6. The State Government in the letter 6th read above, have furnished the additional information as desired by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

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7. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 7th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 9.308 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No.77 of Emboy RF, Kurnool Division / District for renewal of mining lease for extraction of iron ore and red oxide, in favour of M/s Ramakrishna Minerals, Veldurthy, for a period of 10 years, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

8. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 9.308 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No.77 of Emboy RF, Kurnool Division / District for renewal of mining lease for extraction of iron ore and red oxide, in favour of M/s Ramakrishna Minerals, Veldurthy, for a period of 10 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of 9.308 ha of forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency, leaving minimum width of 7.5 meters of forest land from the inner boundary of the RF line 15 meters of forest land from adjoining lease area, if any.
- (iii) Additional amount of the Net Present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
- (iv) The State Government shall maintain area up to 7.5 meters as safety zone area all along the boundary outside the lease area as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The State Government shall also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone in degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
- (v) User Agency shall obtain environmental clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- (vi) The mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by IBM and in strict compliance of all relevant acts and rules.
- (vii) Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of over-burdens/dumps beyond diverted area and also to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities.
- (viii) The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the leased area.
- (ix) Reclamation plan shall be implemented by User Agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh and the Regional Office, Bangalore.
- (x) The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation.

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- (xi) A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of the five years to study the impact of mining. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.
- (xii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 9.308 ha. In case the land is not taken over by User Agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two (2) years from the date of Stage-II clearance, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.
- (xiii) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore / State Government may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience shall also be applicable.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
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Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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M/s Ramakrishna Minerals, Veldurthy, Kurnool District.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.